

THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON

Pewsheets for week beginning Sunday 9th November 2025

Calendar

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end, Luke 20:27-38

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 10.30am Service of Remembrance - *Whitelackington*
- 10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 3.00pm Civic Remembrance Service - *The Minster*
- 5.00pm Taizé Style Prayers - *The Minster*

Monday 10th November

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Tuesday 11th November

- 11.00am Short Service of Remembrance - The Minster churchyard

Wednesday 12th November

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms
- 10.00am Memories Café in Minster Rooms
- 10.30am Holy Communion Service - *The Minster*
- 7.00pm Meditation Group - *The Minster*

Friday 14th November

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 3.30pm Junior Choir in Minster Rooms

Saturday 15th November

- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 10.30am Benefice Morning Praise - *The Minster*

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Amy Garland Joan Thomas, Robert Alcock and Allen Goodland.
- Those who live in Holway House Park.
- Our Mission Partner this month: Safe Families.

News:

- **PIZZA QUIZ NIGHT**

Thank you to those who supported the Quiz Night and raffle last weekend and congratulations again to the winning team! Despite quite a workout for the grey matter with questions on Somerest, Somerset Churches and Italy, £369.94 was raised for church funds.

- **FLORAL DEMONSTRATION**

Inspirational Floral Christmas with Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers in Whitelackington Village Hall on Tuesday 18th November at 10.30am. Donations welcome for Whitelackington Church and Village Hall. Tea and Coffee available. For more information contact Dora Hallett 01460 52272 or email events@ilminsterpc.org.uk.

- **MINSTER FLOODLIGHTING**

During the month of December, we are again inviting people to floodlight the Minster in memory of an individual or to mark a special occasion. If you would like to participate,

please either email the church office or sign up at the back of church. We ask for a suggested donation of £20 which helps raise funds for the upkeep of the building. Please give donations by; contactless payment in church, bank transfer (contact the church office for details), cash/cheque (payable to St Marys PCC Ilminster) to a Church Warden or the Church Office. Many thanks!

- **LECTO DIVINA**

We will be holding sessions of Lectio Divina on the 4 Mondays of Advent, beginning on the 1st December. We will be meeting at 12.00 in Church (unless the Church is not available, in which case we will be in the Minster Rooms). The sessions will last 1 hour. Our text each week will be the Gospel passage for the coming Sunday.

Lectio Divina is an ancient, tried and tested way of engaging with scripture, listening to the word of God as a means of deepening our relationship with God. What better way to put some time aside as we prepare for the great celebration of Christmas?

Everyone welcome - if you need further info then please ask Jonathan or email

jonathanmorris2303@gmail.com

- **CHURCH CHANDALIERS**

Kevin is looking for volunteers to help clean and polish the two chandeliers in church on Wednesday 19th November at 11.30am in preparation for lighting up the church for the Festival Night on Friday 21st November. Please speak to him or just turn up on the day if you are willing to help. Thank you.

- **FESTIVAL NIGHT**

On Friday 21st November the Minster Church will be open from 5pm. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Minster Rooms. If you are available and willing to be involved, please speak to Lydia and/or sign up on the rota at the back of church. Thank you.

- **PARISH PROFILE**

Our Parish Profile is now available on the Bath and Wells Diocesan website

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/priest-the-benefice-of-ilminster-and-whitelackington.php>. Please continue to pray that potential candidates for the post will feel drawn to visit us and feel the warmth and commitment that we have for both God and our church. Thank you.

- **CHURCH OFFICE**

There will be some temporary changes to the office working practice over the next few weeks. Julie's husband Robert is due to have a kidney operation on Wednesday 12th November, once he returns home, he will not be allowed to do anything more strenuous than drink tea so Julie will have some time off to care for him and subsequently work between home and the office until he is more mobile. The changes will be:

Wed 12th: Day off

Thu 13th: 9.30am-12.30am work in office, 1pm-4pm work from home

Fri 14th: 9.30am-12.30am work in office, 1pm-4pm work from home

Wed 19th to Fri 21st Nov – annual leave

Wed 26th to Fri 28th Nov: 9.30am-12.30am work in office, 1pm-4pm work from home

Wed 3rd Dec to Fri 5th Dec: 9.30am-12.30am work in office, 1pm-4pm work from home

Back to normal working practice from Wed 10th December.

We thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Julie would be grateful for your prayers for the operation and his recovery – this will be hard for them both, but for different reasons 😊

Our weekly pewsheets and monthly service posters are also uploaded onto our Church Near You Page: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11268/>

Contacts

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The Benefice of Iminster and Whitelackington
Weekly Readings Sheet, 9th November 2025
3rd Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The first reading is taken from 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 verses 1–5, 13–end

2As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.
- ³ Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ From the wicked who assault me,
from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Luke 20.27–38)

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.